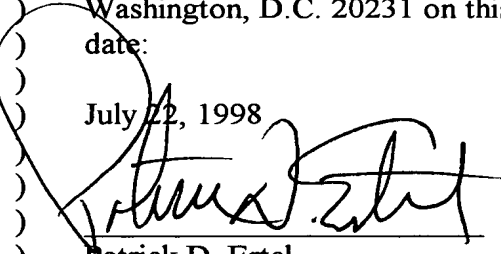


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**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 21-26 have been allowed and that claim 9 has been found to contain allowable subject matter. It is also noted that claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, 15, and 17 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Goulding British Patent No. 221,047. Further, the drawings have been found objectionable due to informalities noted on the accompanying Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review.